



# Oregon

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Dear Alan Henning:

As you know the EPA's FY 2014 Nonpoint Source Program and Grant Guidelines, requires states to set aside at least 50% of the Section 319(h) funds specifically for watershed projects implementation ~~and 50% for non-point source program funds.~~ Oregon will be taking the entire cut in funding from the watershed project funds to allow the state to continue implementation of the NPS program statewide and deliver environmental results.

**Commented [CJ1]:** Best to delete the 50% for program as it sounds like that the state must use 50% for program but the state can use a smaller percentage.

**Commented [CJ2]:** Is this a good enough explanation, Alan?

~~As the leader in implementing the NPS program in Oregon, we request a 50/50 waiver as follows:~~

#### ~~For the year 2015:~~

~~Oregon award: \$1,370,949 of PPG funds and \$80,851 of pass-through funds  
50/50 waiver amount: \$645,049~~

#### Background:

~~As you might be aware, funding for the 2015 319 NPS grant cycle had the potential of a reduced budget depending on EPA's and NOAA's action on Oregon's Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program.~~

Oregon's 319 budget was reduced in 2015 because EPA and NOAA determined that Oregon had not submitted a fully approvable Coastal Nonpoint Program under the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA). The Program was not fully approvable because of gaps in Oregon's program related to forestry to meet or maintain water quality standards and protect beneficial uses. The statute requires EPA to reduce the state's 319 funds by 30% if the federal agencies make a determination that a state has not submitted an approved Coastal Nonpoint Program under the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA).

The waiver requested amounts to redirect FY2015 and FY 2016 funds of CWA Section 319(h) funding from the watershed project funds to the watershed based planning and administrative support funds will allow the state to continue implementation of the NPS program statewide, lessening the impact on the state's ability to deliver environmental results.

**Funding Split:**

As the leader in implementing the NPS program in Oregon, we request a 50/50 waiver as follows:

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**For the year 2015:**

Oregon award: \$1,370,949 of PPG funds and \$80,851 of pass through funds  
50/50 waiver amount: \$645,049

The 2015 319 Grant pass-through funds available for eligible projects were reduced from \$712,351 to a total of \$80,851. This amount was allocated as follows:

1. \$12,127 for statewide projects; and
2. \$22,907 for each, Eastern, Northwest and Western Regions

With the reduced funds we were able to partially fund a very limited number of nonpoint source projects this year.

**For the year 2016:**

Oregon award: \$1,383,959 of PPG funds and \$333,980 of pass through funds  
50/50 waiver amount: \$524,989

The 2016 319 Grant pass-through funds available for eligible projects were reduced from \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This amount was allocated as follows:

1. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for statewide projects; and
2. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for each, Eastern, Northwest and Western Regions

With the reduced funds we will be able to partially fund a very limited number of nonpoint source projects during the upcoming year.

~~The waiver requested amounts to redirect FY2015 and FY 2016 funds of CWA Section 319(h) funding from the watershed project funds to the watershed based planning and administrative support funds will allow the state to continue implementation of the NPS program statewide, lessening the impact on the state's ability to deliver environmental results.~~

Respectfully

Wendy Wiles,  
Environmental Solutions Division Administrator

cc: Gene Foster, Watershed Management Section Manager

